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KING COUNTY SOLID WASTE DIVISION  
WASTE ACCEPTANCE POLICIES  
SUMMARY



<u>WASTE TYPE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>HANDLING/DISPOSAL</u>
Animal waste	Dead animals <15 pounds	Accepted. May be disposed in general waste stream.
	>15 pounds	Not Accepted. Dispose at rendering facility (see Yellow Pages under "Rendering Companies". Waste clearance may be issued if rendering is not possible.
	Animal excrement	Not accepted. Dispose in sewer system if served by MEIKO, or bury.
Asbestos-containing waste	Asbestos siding, insulation, pipe wrap, insulated ducting, insulated boilers and furnaces, or any other materials containing or contaminated by asbestos.	Accepted with permit from Puget Sound Air Pollution Control Agency (PSAPCA) permit or waste clearance. Contact PSAPCA at 296-7335 for permit requirements and for proper containment and disposal information.
Bulky waste	asphalt, concrete, masonry, stumps, rocks, etc.	See Construction Waste
	Beds, lamps, tables, etc. See also White goods	Accepted.
Catch basin residue		Not accepted if a liquid. If dried, see Contaminated soil.
Chemicals		See Industrial waste.

Construction/ demolition  
waste

## - inert

Concrete, brick, bituminous concrete, masonry, plastic piping, glass, dirt, and gravel.

Not accepted from commercial vehicles or vehicles with capacity of more than 1,500 pounds (>8,000 pounds GVW). Recycle or dispose at inert or demolition waste landfill. Accepted if delivered in private vehicle with load capacity of 1,500 pounds or less (licensed for 8,000 pounds GVW or less).

or likely the classification of construction waste is by color

## - non-inert

Wood, composition roofing, roofing paper, shakes, shingles, steel, aluminum, copper piping, galvanized piping, sheet rock, and plasterboard.

Accepted. Some components of non-inert construction waste can be composted, including non-treated, non-painted wood. Call 296-4466 for composting options.

## Contaminated soils

Soil contaminated with oil or other chemicals.

Clearance required.

## Dangerous waste

Waste designated in WAC 173-304-070 through 173-304-103 as dangerous waste. Waste which is not a household waste and has properties which make it toxic, flammable, corrosive or reactive.

Not accepted under any conditions. Call the Hazards Line at 296-4692 for more information.

## Demolition waste

See Construction/demolition waste

## Drum containers

## - empty

Fiber, plastic, steel or other non-ferrous containers larger than 5 gallons

Not accepted without clearance. Drums must have one end removed or be cut in half or crushed. Drums must be labeled "Non hazardous".

-full	Same as above	Not accepted without clearance. Regulated by contents.
* Dusty materials	Soot/ash, sawdust, drywall (sheetrock)	Accepted if in mixed loads with other materials so that it is the lesser ingredient of the waste, or when adequately wet or bagged.
Explosives	Fireworks, detonators, blasting caps, ammunition, etc.	Not accepted under any conditions. Call 911 for disposal information.
Fiberglass		See construction/demolition waste, Dusty waste or Industrial waste depending on load source and composition.
■ 7 - > Food products (bulk) [Don't Throw Away Your Tires] 5 Fuel tanks	Fresh, or packaged food items. Beer, wine or other beverages.	Not accepted without clearance.
		Accepted if from a private individual. Must be accompanied by a receipt or certification from a hazardous waste handler stating that the tank has been cleaned. Must have both ends removed. Can be recycled at scrap metal dealers. No commercial tanks accepted.
Hazardous Waste	Waste designated by 40 CFR Part 261 and regulated as hazardous waste by the federal Environmental Protection Agency.	Not accepted under any circumstances.

Household hazardous waste	Non-regulated quantities of dangerous waste including: flammable liquids, such as solvents and paint thinners; pesticides and weed killers; wood preservatives; corrosives, such as acids and caustics; inedible oils (other than motor oil); latex and solvent-based paints; anti-freeze. From residential sources	Accepted, however we strongly encourage that this waste be recycled or disposed of by other means. Household hazardous waste will be accepted from residential users by the Household Hazardous Waste-mobile (call 296-4466 for schedule). Call the King County Hazard Line at 296-4692 for other options.
Human excrement		Not accepted. Disposable diapers are acceptable if the excrement is removed. Flush down toilet.
Industrial waste	Industrial sludges, products which are out-dated, unused, banned or off-specification.	Not accepted without clearance.
Inert waste		See Construction/demolition waste, or land clearing waste, depending on waste type.
Infectious waste	Pathological waste, liquid human blood and blood products and animal carcasses.	Not accepted.
	Ash residue, sharps, materials contaminated by human blood and blood products, including transfusion bags and wastes which have come in contact with anthrax, small pox, rabies, plague and viral hemorrhagic fevers.	Not accepted without clearance. Must be separated from the general waste stream. Must be treated in accordance with King County Board of Health Code Title 10.

	Other treated infectious waste.	Accepted in general waste stream. Must be treated in accordance with King County Board of Health Code Title 10.
- home generated sharps		Accumulate in "sharps" container, or rigid plastic container with a lid. Consult with health care provider to see if they will accept old needles for disposal, or store until a drop-off site has been established.
Insulation		Accepted. See Asbestos-containing waste for asbestos insulation.
Laboratory waste		See Infectious waste.
Land clearing waste	Stumps, tree trunks, brush, other vegetation, plant waste, rocks, mud and other mineral waste.	Not accepted unless delivered in private vehicle with load capacity of 1,500 pounds or less (8,000 pounds GVW). Composting of non-inert materials is encouraged. Inert materials may be disposed at an inert or demolition waste landfill.
Liquids		
- containerized		Accepted if liquid is a household waste and container has capacity of five gallons or less. Clearance required for containerized liquids which are not household wastes.
- non-containerized	Free liquids.	Not accepted. Refer to the King County Hazards Line (296-4692) for other options.
Medical waste		See Infectious waste

Motor oil

Not accepted.

Odorous waste

Special, problem loads

The SWD may direct the disposal of these loads to specific facilities.

\* Polystyrene packaging

Styrofoam pieces smaller than 2"x2".

Accepted. Contain in box or bag before disposing.

\* Pressurized containers, spray cans

Accepted if in small quantities. May also be taken to Household Hazardous Wastemobile. Call 296-4692 for more information.

Propane tanks

Accepted if small and empty. Refillable and full canisters are accepted by some gas companies or may be taken to the Household Hazardous Wastemobile. Call 296-4692 for more information.

Rocks, rubble, slabs

See Bulky waste.

Roofing Material

See Construction/demolition waste.

Sand

See Contaminated soil, or Industrial waste

Sharps

See Infectious waste

Sludge

Sludge from industrial processes.

See Industrial waste.

Tires		Accepted from private individuals with a limit of 4 tires per load. Call the King County Hazard Line for recycling options at 296-4692, or refer to recycling list. No commercial loads accepted.
Vehicles		Not accepted, but parts, like bumpers, windshields, and small metal parts will be accepted and can also be recycled.
Vehicle batteries		Not accepted. Old vehicle batteries are to be returned to retail outlets when purchasing a new battery. A \$5.00 fee is charged to the buyer if the old battery is not returned. Some recycling options available.
White goods	Stoves, refrigerators, hot water tanks, washers, dryers, etc.	Accepted. However, recycling of these goods is strongly encouraged. A list of recycling options is available at the Cashiers booth, or call the Division at 296-4466.
Yard waste	Grass clippings, prunings, etc.	Accepted, however composting of these materials at home or at commercial composting facilities is encouraged. Call 296-4466 for information on composting options.